

The following is a clean version of the entire set of claims presently pending in the subject application.

15. A method of making a medical ventilation tube comprising the steps of forming a hollow tubular shaft from a first material having a rigidity to resist bending and to maintain a passage through the shaft when the ventilation tube is placed in an anatomical structure; and

molding a flange onto the hollow tubular shaft using a second material having a rigidity less than that of the first material to permit the flange to deform in response to contact with the anatomical structure.

16. A method of making a medical ventilation tube as recited in claim 15 wherein said molding step includes placing the hollow tubular shaft within a mold having a cavity configured to form the flange.

17. A method of making a medical ventilation tube as recited in claim 16 wherein said molding step further includes injecting the second material into the mold to fill the cavity and thermally bond with the hollow tubular shaft.

18. A method of making a medical ventilation tube as recited in claim 15 wherein said molding step further includes using a polymer having a durometer of about 50 as the second material.

19. A method of making a medical ventilation tube as recited in claim 15 wherein said step of forming a hollow tubular shaft includes extruding a continuous length of hollow tubing and cutting the hollow tubing to a predetermined length.